

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 - v. - ) 12 Civ. 2600 (GBD)  
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A 10th CENTURY CAMBODIAN SANDSTONE )  
SCULPTURE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT )  
SOTHEBY'S IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, )  
 )  
Defendant in rem.  
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**MS. RUSPOLI'S AMENDED CLAIM OF INTEREST IN THE DEFENDANT IN REM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Supplemental Rule G of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Ms. Decia Ruspoli di Poggio Suasa ("Ms. Ruspoli") makes her Amended Claim of Interest in the Defendant *in rem* (the "Statue") by and through her attorneys. In support thereof, Ms. Ruspoli states as follows:

1. Ms. Ruspoli is the owner of the Statue. She came into its possession when her husband (now deceased) purchased the Statue through a company he owned in or about December 1975 in the United Kingdom.
2. The Statue depicts a male figure. A photograph of the Statue, which was created by Sotheby's, Inc. ("Sotheby's") in preparation for an auction, is attached as Exhibit A to the Verified Complaint. This photograph is an accurate depiction of the Statue.
3. In early 2010, Ms. Ruspoli entered into a consignment agreement with Sotheby's and agreed to export the Statue to the United States for auction. Sotheby's came into possession of the Statue on or about late April 2010 and Sotheby's has held the Statue ever since.

4. Ms. Ruspoli's interest in the Statue as the owner is adversely impacted by the Government's civil forfeiture action and accordingly, Ms. Ruspoli submits this Amended Claim of Interest. This Amended Claim of Interest in no way waives Ms. Ruspoli's right to file an answer and affirmative defenses.

WHEREFORE, through this Amended Claim of Interest, Ms. Ruspoli asserts her interest in the Statue and respectfully requests this Court recognize her right to defend her interest in the Statue and determine that Ms. Ruspoli is entitled to retain title as the owner.

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**VERIFICATION**

I, Ms. Decia Ruspoli di Poggio Suasa, verify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing Amended Claim of Interest is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.



Ms. Decia Ruspoli di Poggio Suasa

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20 day of June 2012, I caused the foregoing Amended Claim of Interest to be served on plaintiff's counsel by email and through Electronic Case Filing, pursuant to Civil Rule 5.2 of the Local Rules of the United State District Court for the Southern District of New York.



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